



# Interdisciplinary Studies

## **Bachelor of Arts with Major in Interdisciplinary Studies**

*(Minimum of 120 credits required)*

The Interdisciplinary Studies program is for students who wish to concentrate generally in the arts, humanities and social science without a specific departmental major. The knowledge and intellectual training provided is good preparation for graduate study in the fields of the arts and humanities, the study of law, the ministry and careers in public service professions. ~~Three~~ **Four** concentrations are available within the Interdisciplinary Studies program: Arts and Humanities, **Community and Visual Design**, Social Science, and Women, Gender and Sexuality. The program is also available fully online with three options: the general degree program, the general program with the Arts and Humanities concentration, and the general program with the Social Science concentration.

Students who wish to pursue the Interdisciplinary Studies major should contact [The Office of Student Academic Services](#) for advising and more information. Degree requirements for Interdisciplinary Studies and the three concentrations are shown below.

### **Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students**

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the College and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the [Transition Guides](#).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

### **Degree Requirements**

In addition to the University and College requirements for admission and graduation, including the University foreign language graduation requirement, the requirements for the major in Interdisciplinary Studies are as follows:

1. 39 credits; 30 must be upper division.
2. 15-18 credits must be in a single discipline, with a minimum of 12 upper-division credits. No more than 18 credits may be taken in any one area.
3. Up to 15 credits from another college may be applied to the major.
4. Students choose a primary area of concentration and develop a plan of study in consultation with the program director. Courses may be taken from across the college.

5. Earn a "C" or better in all courses applied toward the major. No course taken on a pass/fail basis may be counted for the major.

6. All students must take IDS 3949 for 3 credits (or an approved equivalent) and IDS 3890. IDS 4930, when offered, may substitute for IDS 3890.

### **Areas of Concentration**

Three ~~Four~~ areas of concentration are available: Arts and Humanities, **Community and Visual Design**, Social Science, and Women, Gender and Sexuality. The program director must approve appropriate courses from other disciplines.

#### ***Arts and Humanities***

Students may choose from the following disciplines: Communication and Multimedia Studies; English; History; Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature; Music; Philosophy; Theatre and Dance; Art and Art History; and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. The program director may approve courses from any of these disciplines or programs as well as appropriate courses from any of these disciplines or programs as well as appropriate courses from other disciplines across the University and/or other disciplines or programs within the College of Arts and Letters.

#### ***Community and Visual Design***

Students may choose from the following disciplines: **Architecture, Art, Multimedia Studies: Film, Video, and New Media, Political Science, Public Administration, and Sociology.** The program director may approve courses from any of these disciplines or programs as well as appropriate courses from other disciplines (Geography, Business, Urban Planning) across the University and/or other disciplines or programs within the College of Arts and Letters.

#### ***Social Science***

Students may choose from the following disciplines: Anthropology, Communication and Multimedia Studies, History, Political Science, Sociology and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. The program director may approve courses from any of these disciplines or programs as well as appropriate courses from other social science disciplines (Economics, Geography and Psychology) across the University and/or other disciplines or programs within the College of Arts and Letters.

#### ***Women, Gender and Sexuality***

In addition to the Interdisciplinary Studies degree requirements, the following also apply to this area of concentration:

1. Courses counted toward this major cannot also be counted toward the undergraduate certificate in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

2. Students must take two core courses (WST 2010, WST 2608, WST 3930).

3. Students must take three additional courses in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, which may include other core courses.